

Introduced by Senators Karnette and
(Coauthor: Senator Perata)
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Levine)

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An act to amend Section 12302 of the Elections Code, relating to elections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 348, as introduced, Karnette. Elections: precinct board members.

Existing law requires a precinct board member to be a voter of the county in which he or she serves, except that county employees used as poll workers may reside outside of the county.

This bill would, instead, provide that a precinct board member must be a voter of the state.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 12302 of the Elections Code is amended
2 to read:
3 12302. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), ~~each a~~
4 member of a precinct board shall be a voter of the ~~county, except~~
5 ~~that county employees used as poll workers may reside outside of~~
6 ~~the county~~ state. The member ~~shall~~ may serve only in the precinct
7 for which *his or her* appointment is received.
8 (b) In order to provide for a greater awareness of the elections
9 process, the rights and responsibilities of voters and the

1 importance of participating in the electoral process, as well as to
2 provide additional members of precinct boards, an elections
3 official may appoint not more than two students per precinct to
4 serve under the direct supervision of precinct board members
5 designated by the elections official. A student may be appointed,
6 notwithstanding lack of eligibility to vote, subject to the approval
7 of the board of the educational institution in which the student is
8 enrolled, if the student possesses the following qualifications:
9 (1) Is at least 16 years of age at the time of the election to which
10 he or she is serving as a member of a precinct board.
11 (2) Is a United States citizen or will be a citizen at the time of
12 the election to which he or she is serving as a member of a precinct
13 board.
14 (3) Is a student in good standing attending a public or private
15 secondary educational institution.
16 (4) Is a senior and has a grade point average of at least 2.5 on
17 a 4.0 scale.
18 (c) No student appointed pursuant to subdivision (b) ~~shall~~ *may*
19 be used by a precinct board to tally votes.

